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Rapidly growing exports adding fuel to Saskatchewan's boom

We have what the world wants. Sales to countries such as China and Bangladesh are a key reason for the 'staggering' numbers, premier says

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Saskatchewan's continuing boom has given the province another economic feather in its cap — a status as Canada's leading per-capita exporter.

Amid dramatically increasing sales of a range of products and resources to South America, Asia and the Middle East, figures released by Statistics Canada have put the province at the top of the country.

"We've seen, in the last 10 years, a tripling of our exports all over the world," Premier Brad Wall said on Wednesday at the legislature, citing a growth in exports of manufactured goods along with foods, fertilizers and energy.

"Saskatchewan is blessed right now to have what the world wants, and specifically to have what the fastest-growing economies in the world want."

Driving the local economy

"When we are exporting more goods, that means jobs here at home. That means the chance for businesses to create new opportunities for themselves and others." Premier Brad Wall

The numbers are what Wall described as "staggering," and point to a nearly $3-billion increase in yearly agricultural exports alone — to $11.2 billion — between 2010 and 2012.

The top five destinations for Saskatchewan goods and resources are the United States, China, Japan, Indonesia and Mexico.

Brian Olson is experiencing the export growth through his Fort Qu'Appelle agricultural implement company, PowerPin Inc., which sells 95 per cent of its tractor drawbar hitches to destinations such as Brazil and Russia.

"We have the best workers in the world here," Olson said of Saskatchewan's labour force.

"We have a tremendous advantage when it comes to people, our location and our ingenuity."

Oil, gas, coal, food, potash, uranium and manufactured products comprised almost all of Saskatchewan's exports last year.

Premier Brad Wall said Wednesday that Saskatchewan's exports have tripled during the past decade, and that the province is prospering as a result. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

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Run-off preparations 'a pain' for residents in flood zones

Fallout. Street closures have one woman living on 17th Avenue feeling frustrated

The slow spring melt may be keeping a once-in-20-years run-off at bay for the time being — but for Regina residents in flood zones, day-to-day life has already been affected.

For the past two weeks, a green space across 17th Avenue from Rhonda Hunter's house has been barricaded with HESCO barriers and sandbags. The street had also been closed on and off while city crews erected the barrier, in anticipation of a run-off that hasn't yet happened.

And with Hunter's street closed so often, the Regina Public School Board has stopped sending buses to pick up her five-year-old son.

"The whole thing is a pain for the people living here," Hunter said on Wednesday. "That is going to be my biggest issue. I don't mind the melting, and I am not worried about the house. It is this street being completely closed."

Hunter noted that this year's preparations exceed what the city did to gear up for the area's flooding in the spring of 2011, which occurred just after she moved to her home.

"They didn't do this (HESCO) barrier, they just did sandbags," she said of the flood two years ago. "We didn't have any flooding in the house because we are up high enough."

The HESCO barriers are "much higher and much sturdier" than the sandbags in 2011, she pointed out.

"The city is doing what it can," Hunter said, though she added: "I expect lots of flooding (this year). I expect us to need what they have done."

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Rhonda Hunter stands next to a HESCO barrier on 17th Avenue. Spring run-off preparations have caused the public school board to stop sending buses down her street to pick up her five-year-old son. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Cops won't push to seize motorists' cellphones

Repeat-offender distracted drivers in this province won't have to worry about police taking their phones. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

Saskatchewan drivers caught talking or texting multiple times behind the wheel will be able to keep their cellphones safe from seizure by police.

After some discussion on Wednesday, chiefs of police in the province decided against urging the Saskatchewan government to give their officers legislated authority to confiscate iPhones, BlackBerrys and the like from repeat-offending distracted drivers.

The privacy concerns of motorists are a key reason for the decision by the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police (SACP).

"They contain things like emails, texts, you name it," said Regina police Chief Troy Hagen, president of the SACP.

"There would be a fair amount of concern, I think with good reason, by our community if we were to start seizing these devices."

After the SACP's two-day meeting in Weyburn, Hagen also pointed out that the mobile devices are "very important" for citizens' occupations and well-being.

"Considering the weather that we've had this year, they're really a lifeline in the event of a traffic accident or if you become stuck or encounter bad road conditions," he said.

"If we seize cellphones, effectively, we ... may even be putting someone in harm's way by them not being able to call for help."

The police chiefs will instead eye other possible ways to clamp down on cellphone use while driving, and will discuss options with the province's traffic safety committee.

"That's something we're going to be considering," Hagen said.

"We're in a very, very preliminary stage in terms of even forming any positions on what we might bring forward."

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Excited music fans flock to Regina for Juno Awards

Big bash, high hopes. One visiting superfan hopes to meet show's host, Michael Bublé

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It's not every week that Regina is full of rock stars.

So for the Juno Awards, ultimate fans are coming to the Queen City for a chance to meet their favourite artists.

Fans like Tina Rogers.

"I am so determined to meet Michael Bublé," said superfan Rogers, who is travelling from Barrie, Ont.

Rogers, who has never been to a Juno Awards show or to Regina, won two tickets through a Facebook photograph contest — which, of course, she won with a photo of herself and Bublé, this year's Juno host, at one of his concerts in 2010.

"All I am looking for is just a couple of minutes of the man's time, just to autograph the picture," said Rogers.

She is bringing fellow ultimate fan Kirsten Durdle — whom she's connected with through a Bublé fan page — to use her second ticket to the Juno Awards, Juno Fan Fare and Junofest.

"This is like a chance of a lifetime to go to the Junos and to experience a new city," said Rogers.

That's not to say Regina doesn't have its own local superfans.

Hundreds of people lined up at Cornwall Centre on Wednesday to get their hands on Juno Fan Fare wristbands, which will give them a chance to meet and get autographs from their favourite bands on Saturday.

"We are super excited. To be honest, it was a close call," Terry Triffo said after receiving one of the last wristbands to meet her favourite band Marianas Trench.

"We are big fans … it's gonna be mad."

Fans line up to the doors at Cornwall Centre to get one of about 1,000 Juno Fan Fare wristbands, which will give them the opportunity to meet their favourite bands or musicians visiting for the Juno Awards. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Chris Prpich, owner and operator of 13th Ave Records, also plays in the Lonesome Weekends and the Lazy Mks, two Regina bands that are playing Junofest this week. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Junos strike a chord with local musicians

This year's award nominees are not the only performers in the spotlight during Regina's Juno Week. For many local acts, this is their time to shine too.

"It will be a great opportunity for myself and all the people in bands in Regina," said Chris Prpich of Regina's 13th Ave Records.

"It is a real feather in everyone's cap when they get asked to play Junofest. People tend to associate a certain amount of credit with having done that."

At a time when Saskatchewan bands like the Sheepdogs and Rah Rah are already breaking out of the Prairies and onto the world stage, Regina will get a chance to showcase some of its up-and-coming talent when it hosts Canada's music industry for the Juno Awards.

"It is a good way to get the community involved. They don't just bring acts from outside Regina, there are a lot of local acts," said Regina performer Julia McDougall.

"People have this view of Regina that is really negative, and it is sort of a misconception. I just think it is a place that you need to get to know."

Many local performers are also getting a chance this week to perform with some of Canada's top talent.

"For me, it means a little bit of exposure beyond Regina. It also means I will be able to network with musicians who are in the same boat," said Andres Davalos of Regina band Andino Suns. "Just getting a chance to learn a couple tricks of the trade from some people who have been in the trenches is really helpful."

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Initiative gets 50%

SaskGaming annual report shows profit

SaskGaming's net income (before transfers) showed an increase of 1.7 per cent in 2012 to a total of $52.6-million, according to the 2012 annual report.

Fifty per cent of its net income, totalling $26.3 million, was transferred to the General Revenue Fund to support the province's commitment to the First Nations Trust and Community Initiatives Fund. Additionally, the corporation declared a dividend distribution of $21-million to Crown Investments Corporation. METRO

Any destination for $10

Saskatchewan Transportation Company offers senior discount in May

The Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) is offering seniors a discount to travel anywhere along the STC network for the month of May. Seniors who are 60 or over will be able to go to any destination in the network one-way for $10.

The STC has offered similar promotions since September of 2009. In 2012, more than 30,000 seniors took advantage of seat sale months. METRO

Improved health care

Sask. Cancer Agency gets funding increase

Saskatchewan patients should expect better access to cancer care thanks to a $12-million funding increase to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency in the provincial budget.

This raises the province's funding of the agency to $150.7 million. The agency will be putting the money towards early screening, wait times, expansion of an integrated hematology program, help to meet the rising demand for treatment and drugs and recruitment and retention of oncologists and other care providers. METRO

Scourge of suicide shatters remote northern reserve

Fast help wanted. Community declares state of emergency after deaths: 'Now we have nothing left,' chief says

Two recent deaths among members of the Neskantaga First Nation have prompted the remote northern Ontario community to declare a state of emergency.

It wants fast help to stop the scourge of suicide.

The First Nation northeast of Thunder Bay has seen two of its members die over the past two weeks, throwing the fragile community of 300 into grief and fear for the stability of other families.

A chief's pain

Chief Peter Moonias hopes for help from any level of government in putting together a long-term plan to confront serious problems with prescription drugs.

- **Emergency.** He estimates more than half the community's adults are addicted to OxyContin or other painkillers.

Chief Peter Moonias said that just as the community was burying the first victim — a man in his 30s — they learned of the death of a 19-year-old from Neskantaga living in Thunder Bay.

Moonias said police have yet to declare the second death a suicide, but he suspects they soon will.

The problems come just a few months after another young man took his life there in December, a tragedy that prompted the community to close ranks and put its youth on suicide watch.

"One suicide, we could have handled. … Not easily, but we could have come back," said Moonias.

But the suicides are coming so close together that almost no one in the community has been left untouched.

And now they can't cope.

"Now we have nothing left. We have hardly anybody who is not affected in the community.

"The community situation … is in a state of shock."

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Golly! Google's going hiking

Fancy a walk with your sweetie on a secluded beach? Why not just Google it? A deal between Parks Canada and Google Maps will soon allow you to do just that. The global Internet giant's staff will drive the roads and hike the paths of national parks and historic sites by the end of 2014 using special backpack-mounted cameras. Virtual visitors will be able to stop and look around ... as if they were actually there. Yes, it's a walk in the park. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seniors targeted

Long-lost kin? They'll scam you

Police in Windsor, Ont., are warning residents, particularly seniors, about con artists posing as long-lost relatives.

Elderly people have received phone calls from supposed relatives in Europe saying they are in Canada and require money for emergencies or large-ticket purchases.

Scammers appear to know personal information about their victims and may speak to them in their own language.

Police say in one case the suspects were mining information from a Facebook page.

While past scams have involved the wire transfer of money, police say scammers are now going to homes to pick up cash.

In two cases, Windsor families were defrauded of more than $20,000. Cash was picked up by a well-dressed South Asian man in his 30s driving a silver car.

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Man arrested, accused of mailing poison to president

United States on edge. Media overwhelmed with flood of news on letters, Boston bombings

America's frayed nerves found little relief on Wednesday as news emerged of a poison-laced letter addressed to U.S. President Barack Obama, while investigators endeavoured to close in on a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings.

Federal agents arrested Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, in Tupelo, Miss., in connection with letters sent to Obama and a Republican senator from Mississippi. They tested positive for deadly ricin in preliminary analyses.

Earlier in the day, officials said they doubted the letters were linked to the bombings at the Boston Marathon.

The letters were intercepted at off-site mail facilities and were undergoing additional testing to verify the results.

With Americans anxious for a break in the bombing case, information was being leaked to the media at a furious speed.

At one point mid-afternoon, The Associated Press cited an anonymous law enforcement official as saying an arrest was imminent. Other officials shot down that report.

CNN went further, saying an arrest had been made. Several news outlets said investigators had identified a suspect from a surveillance video.

CBS News, meanwhile, reported that the bomber was on the phone when he dropped off a second bomb-filled backpack. The network reported cell-phone records resulted in the suspect's identification.

But NBC reported police had a face, not a name, of someone dropping off a black bag, based on the surveillance video.

A courthouse in Boston was evacuated amid conflicting reports that a suspect was in custody inside. The U.S. Marshals Service said it was cleared out due to a bomb threat.

Reports of suspicious packages and envelopes were also made in two Senate office buildings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

From the letters

"To see a wrong and not expose it, is to become a silent partner to its continuance."

A passage from the letters sent to two U.S. politicians, signed "KC, and I approve this message."

Investigators comb the scene of one of the blast sites at the Boston Marathon. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Misinformation

Leaks rattle authorities

The FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Boston were reportedly startled by the flood of media leaks. The FBI released a statement disputing some stories, but didn't specifically say which ones except those describing an arrest in the bombing case.

"Over the past day and a half, there have been a number of press reports based on information ... that has been inaccurate," the FBI said.

"Since these stories often have unintended consequences, we ask the media ... to exercise caution and attempt to verify information through appropriate official channels."

Think or act? Trudeau, Harper spar over bombing

Terrorist attacks like the one at the Boston Marathon should prompt manhunts, not soul searching, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday in a thinly veiled jab at his new Liberal rival.

"When you see this type of violent act, you do not sit around trying to rationalize it or make excuses for it or figure out its root causes," he said.

"You condemn it ... and to the extent you can deal with the perpetrators, you deal with them as harshly as possible."

Harper's comments appeared to be a direct rebuttal to a CBC interview with Justin Trudeau.

"We have to look at the root causes," Trudeau said. "There is no question that this happened because there is someone who feels completely excluded. Completely at war with innocents. At war with a society. And our approach has to be, where do those tensions come from?"

In response to Harper's criticism, Trudeau said Wednesday: "I really hope that Mr. Harper rethinks the extent and the lengths he's willing to go to personally attack people and to politicize tragedies like that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombing vs. drones

Iran calls outrage a double standard

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's top leader, on Wednesday condemned the bombing attack in Boston, but chided the U.S. for employing a double standard when it comes to drone attacks that kill innocent civilians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United Kingdom

TV channel pulls terrorist satire

A British TV channel is pulling a comedy about a group of hapless terrorists planning to attack the London Marathon from its schedule in the wake of the Boston bombings. Film4 was planning to air the movie Four Lions next Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cheery and bright student snuffed out in her prime

Lu Lingzi, a Boston University grad student and the third victim of the marathon explosions. FACEBOOK

Less than 24 hours before she died, Lu Lingzi sent an exuberant email to a professor after learning she had passed part of a major final exam.

"I am so happy to get this result!" she wrote. "Thank you very much."

Lu, 23, was killed Monday during the Boston Marathon explosions, according to a statement from Boston University (BU). She was a graduate student studying mathematics and statistics and was scheduled to receive her degree in 2015.

Lu was at the race with two friends from BU. One, Danling Zhou, was injured, had surgeries Monday and Tuesday and is in stable condition at Boston Medical Center, the school said in a statement.

On Monday morning, Lu put the finishing touches on a group research project she was planning to present at a statistics conference.

She also posted a photo of the "wonderful breakfast" she ate the morning she died.

Lu was a vivacious chatterbox who had lots of friends on campus, said Tasso Kaper, chair of the math and statistics department.

"The word bubbly — that's kind of a corny word — but that describes her very well," Kaper said.

She was described as an exceptional student and bright young scientist at Boston University, where she had been enrolled for about a year.

Lu's closest friends in Boston did not learn that she had been killed until Tuesday evening, when they were informed by faculty members. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourning in China

"I saw her grow up ... but a loud bang has changed everything."

Zhang Xinbo, Lu's former neighbour in Shenyang, in a blog post.

Iron Lady laid to rest in a grand funeral

Margaret Thatcher. Some camped in a field to be there; mourners included the Queen and reps from 170 countries

Margaret Thatcher was laid to rest Wednesday with prayers and ceremony, plus cheers and occasional jeers, as Britain paused to remember a leader who transformed the country — for the better according to many, but in some eyes for the worse.

A sombre crowd lined the normally buzzing streets around Parliament, contained behind temporary fences and police lines, waiting to catch a glimpse of Thatcher's coffin.

Soaring hymns and biblical verse echoed under the dome of St. Paul's as 2,300 relatives, friends, colleagues and dignitaries attended the ceremonial funeral. Bishop of London Richard Chartres spoke of the strong feelings Thatcher still evokes.

The crowd thinned as the convoy swept past Trafalgar Square through the closed-off streets of central London. It seemed the 4,000 police deployed for the event might outnumber spectators.

But as the hearse reached St. Clement Danes Chapel, and the brass band emerged, the ceremony began in earnest. Suddenly there were enough viewers to block the side streets and hang off every lamppost and window. The band's stirring hymns were met with applause, while the brave or tipsy sang along.

The coffin was transferred to an ancient gun carriage for the road to St. Paul's Cathedral, accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

Fittingly, there was a strong military presence for Thatcher's send-off. "I'm here to pay my respects to the woman who gave us victory in the Falklands and rescued our economy," said ex-serviceman Tony Eustace. "She gave us belief."

Others were happier to enjoy the ride. "We camped in a field last night to be here," said Mandy Phipps, attending with her four children. "I love these occasions — I was here for the Royal Wedding too."

National flags, bulldogs and music surrounded the service, as the A-list guests from the Queen to Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson arrived. Hardcore Thatcher fans stayed after the service too, savouring the last moments of the ceremony.

But nine days after Thatcher's death, there were signs of fatigue. "Thank God that's all over now," one spectator said as crowds melted away.

"The storm of conflicting opinions centres on the Mrs. Thatcher who became a symbolic figure — even an -ism," said Bishop Chartres.

"It must be difficult for those members of her family ... to recognize the wife, the mother, the grandmother."

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Still a lightning rod after all these years

Margaret Thatcher — the 'Iron Lady' — brought major change to Britain during her 11-year tenure from 1979 to 1990, privatizing state industries, deregulating the economy, and causing upheaval whose impact is still felt. She died April 8 at the age of 87.

- Her funeral's $15 million cost proved controversial, and a small anti-Thatcher group turned their backs on the carriage. Others countered with flowers.

Mourners react as former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher's casket passes. Some wept and a few turned their backs on the coffin. Thatcher's controversial politics was even mentioned at her funeral service.
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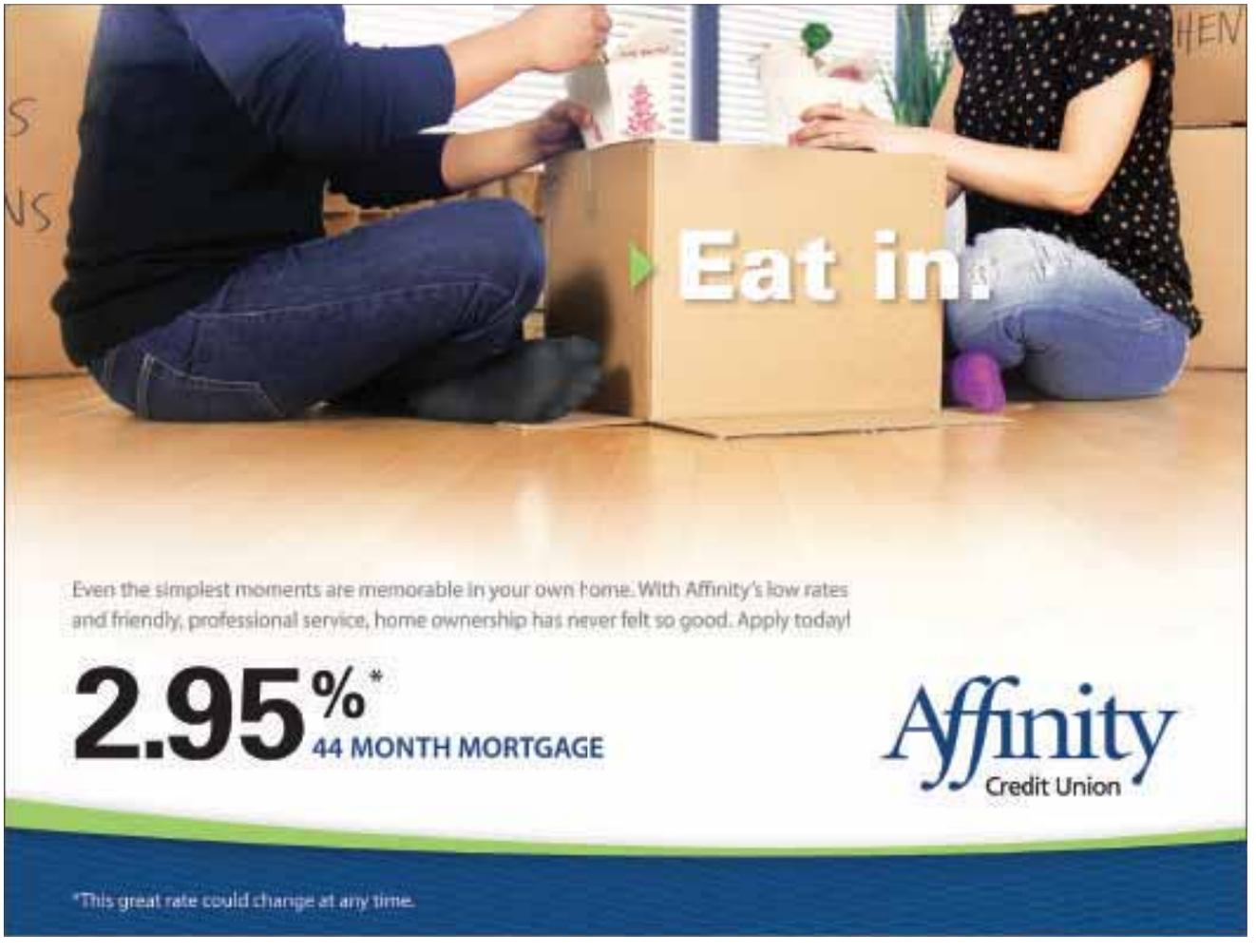
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China

Deaths of 532 pigs and dogs investigated

Hundreds more pigs have been found dead in China — this time together with dozens of dogs.

A total of 410 pigs and 122 dogs were discovered earlier this week in central Henan province. It's suspected the deaths had to do with chemical factories which have been ordered to suspend production and cooperate with the police investigation.

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'Name and shame'

Syria's army accused of sexual war crimes at UN

The UN Security Council on Wednesday heard accusations that Syria's army and intelligence agency are sexual war criminals for rape and assaults on women and children, along with the al-Qaida movement in Mali. The "name and shame" tally was in a UN report prepared by the Representative for Sexual Violence in Conflict.

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So long smartphone, hello smart watch?

Tech trend. Some wearable computing gadgets could have mass appeal, observer says

Using wearable computing devices like smart watches and smart glasses will appeal to consumers as an alternative to pulling out their smartphones, say technology experts. You'll be able to respond to text messages or emails and make phone calls without reaching for your phone, said Info-Tech Research Group's Mark Tauschek.

"If you've got a smart watch on your wrist or you're wearing Google Glass, you're going to get those notifications on your wrist or in your eye so you don't have to reach into your holster or pocket or purse or whatever to grab your smartphone," Tauschek said.

Smart watches that cost between $100 and $200 should have mass appeal and take off within two to five years, predicted Tauschek. "All you really need to get is one really useful, easy to use, attractive, wearable smart watch and others will follow and it will find a mass market pretty quickly."

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Smart watches

- Smart watches such as Pebble, I'm Watch and Martian use Bluetooth technology to pair with smartphones, and do some of their work. Apple, Google and Samsung are also reportedly pursuing smart watches.

You know you want it: Wearable computing devices like the Pebble smart watch and Google Glass are expected to explode in popularity over the next year, tech analysts say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GETTY IMAGES/FILE PHOTOS

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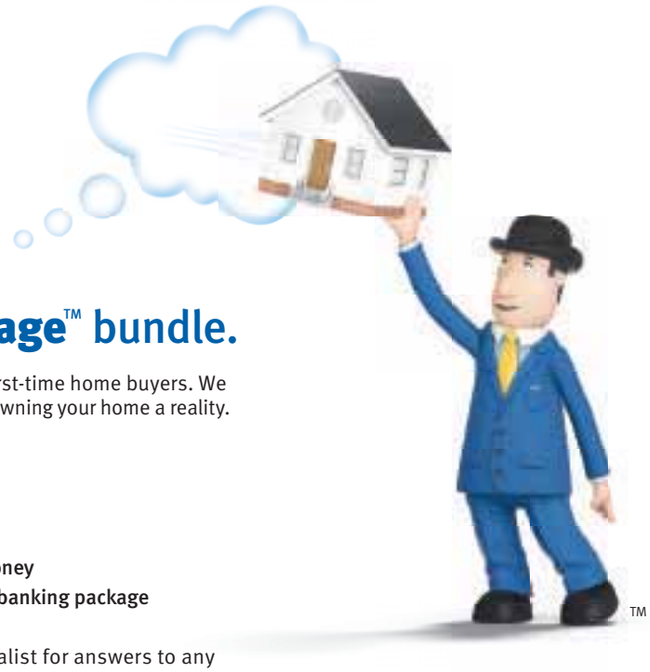

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Tax or tariff? Bike shop owner feels deceived by budget announcement

The owner of an Ottawa bicycle shop where Finance Minister Jim Flaherty last year trumpeted the benefits of his budget says he feels misled. Despite what the federal Conservatives say, they are raising consumer taxes by increasing tariffs on goods imported from dozens of countries, Jose Bray told a news conference at his Joe Mamma bike store on Wednesday.

"It was a little misleading and I think calling it a tariff and saying we're not raising taxes is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the consumer," he said. "I feel misled more than anything." Bray's shop was the backdrop last October for a Flaherty news conference, where the minister announced measures to be included in his 2012 omnibus Budget Implementation Act.

Flaherty said then he would not raise taxes and would give small businesses a tax credit. But the Conservatives have increased taxes, said Bray, by way of the tariffs, which will increase prices for a number of consumer products, including bicycles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty appeared at Joe Mamma's bicycle shop in Ottawa last October to trumpet the benefits of his budget. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Protectionism

Feds should open Canada's skies to foreign carriers: Consumer group

The Consumers' Association of Canada is calling for the federal government to allow more competition from foreign airlines. The group says Canada's current policy protects the dominant domestic airlines and limits consumer options. "Consumers want choice and competition for their travel dollar," association president Bruce Cran said in a statement.

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Market Minute

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Dow Jones: 14,618.59 (-138.19)

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OIL $86.68 US (-$2.04)

GOLD $1,382.70 US (-$4.70)

CLEAN? OVER MY DEAD BODY

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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Ah, spring! That magical time of year when a single man's fancy turns to removing items from the refrigerator that are branded "Official sponsor of the Vancouver Olympics."

Yes, it's time for spring cleaning.

According to a Wikipedia entry I just wrote, spring cleaning as a modern ritual dates back to the 1920s with the annual cleanup at the Slinky factory in Ohio, where workers would clean the toy springs top to bottom in time for autumn inspection.

This adjectival misunderstanding led people to dust, mop and organize their homes every spring as the weather warmed, which was convenient because those sexy outfits that maids are always wearing are terribly nippy in the winter.

The event caught on and now almost everybody does it. Even I take part in spring cleaning, despite the fact that I practise a special bachelorhood religion that considers dust bunnies sacred.

Which leads to a tricky question: Why do I do it?

God knows I don't make it easy on myself. I believe in a challenge, which is why spring cleaning is what I like to call "the only time I clean all year." Less concise, more accurate.

For most of the year, I just look around as I'm leaving for the day and think, "If I died today, would I be mortified when people open my apartment?"

In other words, my place has to be so disgusting that I would feel shame from beyond the grave. If there are no creatures with eyeballs living in the apartment and no need for the gag reflex, I'm usually satisfied. So spring cleaning is, like me, kind of a big deal.

I start by dusting the dust off the duster, taking the mothballs out of the mothballs and cleaning up the cleaners. Fully armed, I tackle the household from eye-level to bottom.

I even wash the dishes, instead of my usual ritual of draining the water and resoaking repeatedly in hopes that the dishes will dissolve. If anyone ever invents a water-soluble, one-use frying pan, I'll be first in line — every morning.

Tackling the bathroom is also key. Usually there are so many pairs of underwear on the floor it looks like Judgment Day came and God took up only people who were mid-orgy.

Then there's the fridge, which doubles as a Grade 4 science project missing only the Bristol board that says "mould" at the top. The vegetable crisper (total misnomer) is often vegetable soup, and the multiple milk cartons in the door are like a retrospective: "The Best Before Dates of 2012."

But I still go through with the cleanup. Why? Basic hygiene? Goodness, no.

It's because it feels like a chance at new beginnings. I can wipe the slate clean, dust off my dreams and wash away the memory of that night I woke up on the living-room floor with a half-eaten junior bacon cheeseburger in my pocket. Like a New Year's resolution reprise, spring cleaning is a chance to "start clean."

That way, the carpet won't be dirty when it happens again.

ZOOM

A six-legged robot — take a hike!

ALICK COTTERILL/REX FEATURES

Behold, the largest hexapod robot in the world can walk

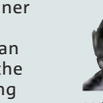
Meet Mantis, the six-legged walking machine. The menacing robot claims to be the biggest all-terrain operational hexapod robot in the world.

Designed and built in Winchester, Hampshire, south England, after four years of research and development, it is the brainchild of Matt Denton, founder and chief designer of Micromagic Systems.

The robotic device can be piloted from within the cockpit or remotely using Wi-Fi technology. It's available now for private hire, custom commissions, events and sponsorships. **METRO**

Q and A

Creator inspired by Star Wars movie



MATT DENTON
Founder of Micromagic Systems

What inspired you to make this?

It started at a young age while watching sci-fi films such as Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back. Seeing those imposing AT-ATs walk across a snowscape got me fascinated with the concept of using legged locomotion on vehicles. This ultimately led me to working in the film industry within animatronics.

I built my first hexapod robot back in 2001, which it was about 30 centimetres long. I guess the Mantis was a natural progression. **METRO**

Clickbait

Because your Twitter feed can never have enough sarcasm, here are a couple of 'celeb' parody accounts to follow if you want to spice up your daily intake of hilarity.

@WonkaTweets:

Gene Wilder is back in a condensed, 140-character version of Willy Wonka. He makes fun of the next generation while cracking jokes with gems like, "I bet when cheetahs race and one of them cheats, the other one goes, 'Man, you're such a cheetah!' and they laugh and eat a zebra or whatever."

@DRUNKHULK:

As the name suggests, this Twitter parody account is your favourite Marvel Comics character who drunk tweets in an all-caps, first-person, poor-grammar style. One of his latest: "5.5 TONS OF NUTELLA STOLEN IN GERMANY! SOMETIME IT FEEL LIKE DRUNK HULK NOT LIVING UP TO FULL POTENTIAL!"

Letters

RE: Preschoolers Who Drink Low-Fat Milk More Likely To Be Overweight, published March 25

This is a story of another industry lie like the tobacco and sugar industry.

The dairy industry has promoted low-fat as good for your health, but actually it is good for their bottom line because they can extract more cream to make more products.

The simple science is: all that is left in the milk after the "fat" cream is removed is the sugar (lactose) so when you drink this "healthy" product you are just adding more sugar to an overloaded, Western, sugary diet. The little fat left in the three per cent milk actually works to reduce and slow the sugar uptake, and adds more food value to the milk, which is healthier. One day, hopefully, all these lies will be shown: the sugar poison, the fat-free, high-sugar products.

I don't buy organic, I'm just concerned about the poor Western diet and the lies we are told. **44fourty posted to metronews.ca**

RE: UBC Study Reveals Most People Don't Know A Woman's Eggs Are As Old As She Is, published March 27

This article left me feeling depressed. I'm 34 years old, and not even close to having children, even though I dream of having a few.

It's a grim reminder of how quickly life passes, and the pressure we women are under. **Agnieszka Jeglinska posted to metronews.ca**

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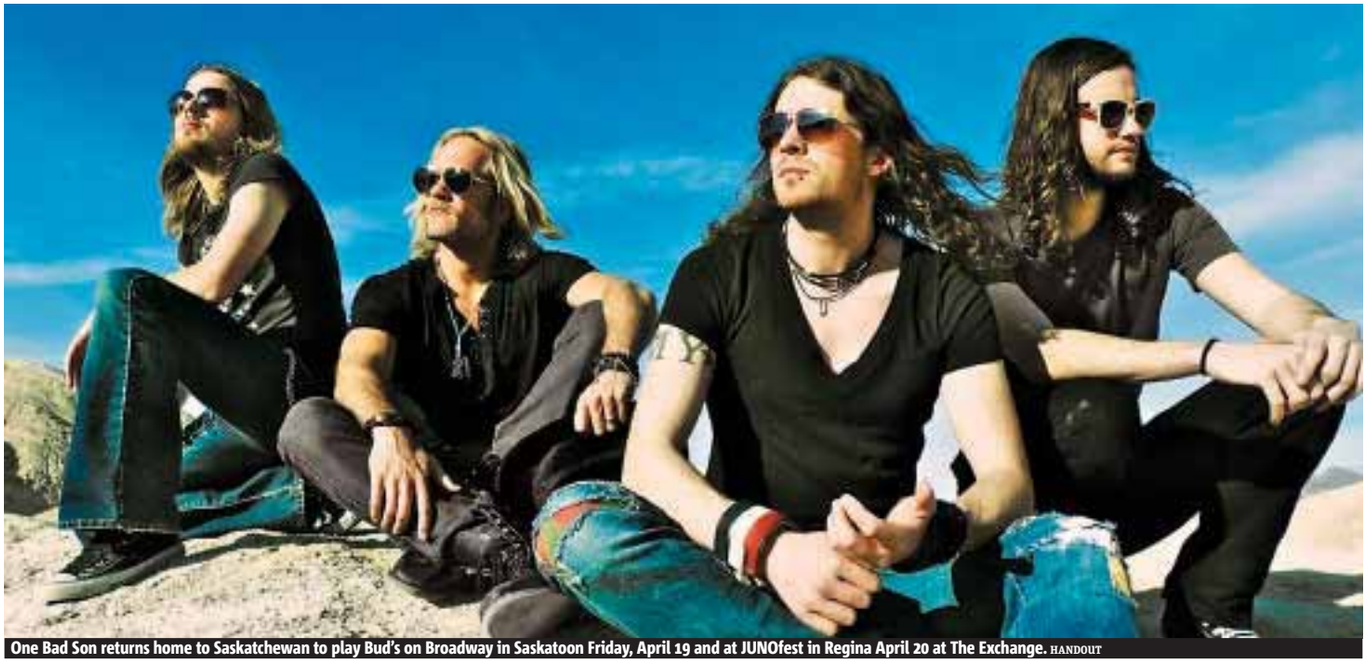

One Bad Son returns home to Saskatchewan to play Bud's on Broadway in Saskatoon Friday, April 19 and at JUNOfest in Regina April 20 at The Exchange. HANDOUT

One good time with One Bad Son

Homecoming. Now based out of the West Coast, band returned to Saskatchewan to shoot in -36 C weather

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They may have left their home province behind for the greener pastures of Vancouver, but anyone who doubts One Bad Son's commitment to Saskatchewan need only view the video for their single Scarecrows to have their opinion swayed.

They likely could have shot in Aruba or Hawaii, as drummer Kurt Dahl says representatives from their label viewed it as a "summer" song. But the OBS boys had a different idea.

"To me it always had a lone, isolated, winter sort of feel. And so obviously the first thing we thought of was filming in Saskatchewan, the ultimate winter climate." Dahl said in a telephone interview from British Columbia.

They returned home to Saskatoon to shoot between Christmas and New Year's, hoping for a mild spell. What they got was two days of shooting in -36 C weather.

"Maybe it was a blessing in disguise because we weren't acting in the video, we were freezing our asses off and that's the look we were going for, so it worked out."

In addition to emphasizing their Saskatchewan roots — something they say they are quick to point out whenever the band is mistakenly introduced as being from Vancouver — the video for Scarecrows highlights another OBS characteristic; the willingness to take a chance.

"No one (outside the band) wanted to pick that song as a single, they thought it wasn't 'active rock' enough for radio," Dahl said. "But we just had this gut feeling, and in this business that's all you have."

Their instincts paid off as the song has been a mainstay on the Canadian charts since being released and has received extensive radio play.

The band made an even bigger gamble two and a half years ago when they made the decision to move to B.C., leaving behind an environment where they had a solid fan base for one where they were relatively unknown.

"For the first year and a half we were thinking 'What have we done?' But we had that boldness to roll the dice and not know the outcome, and thankfully when the dice landed it's often been in our favour."

But Dahl acknowledges they would not have been able to achieve the success they have seen without the support of their original fans, and says the band can't wait to get back home for a pair of dates next weekend.

"That's still our core fan base and lots of them have been there since we started in 2004, not just in Saskatoon but right across the province. Without them we'd be nothing."

Thoughts on JUNOfest

One Bad Son's return to the province includes a high profile gig at JUNOfest in Regina on April 20th opening for Monster Truck.

- "We're really excited for that show. Regina's always been a cool city for us and getting the chance to open for a band like that with all the Juno stuff going on, it's going to be a hell of a party," Dahl said.

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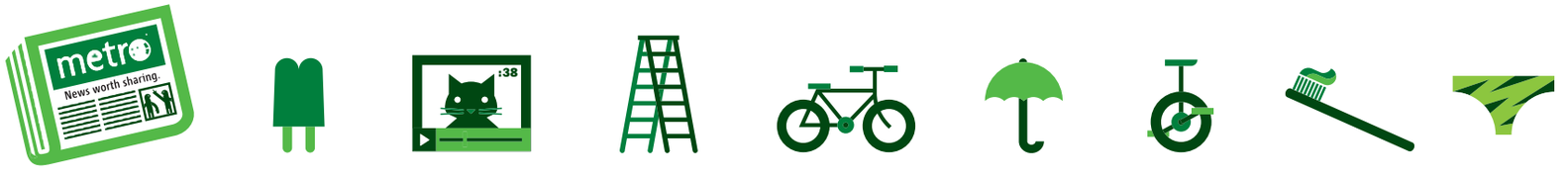

easy hard

Wish upon a star and dreams come true

Winning. Rogers, Cityline and Breakfast Television team up with Disney and WestJet in the biggest contest of its kind

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There's winning a trip — and then there's winning a trip with your family to Disney, being treated like a VIP from the moment you set foot in the airport and having a chance to win prizes that money can't buy while hanging out with on-air personalities on live television.

It's the biggest contest of its kind offered by Rogers Media, Cityline and Breakfast Television in partnership with Disney Parks and WestJet Vacations. City gave away a total of 32 vacation packages, including return airfare to Orlando, accommodations at Disney's Magic Kingdom, a $600 US Disney gift card and theme park passes.

The winners will be taking over Disney World in Florida on Apr. 22 and 23 — and viewers will get a chance to share the excitement and even win a trip.

But what makes this contest different is that winners will be given an opportunity to compete, on air, for prizes that money can't buy, said Kevin Forget, producer of Breakfast Television Toronto, adding that you have to watch the shows for details on the prizes.

The party will start from the time they check in at the airport, where they'll receive "teal" carpet treatment from WestJet, said Jordan Schwartz, vice-president of in-house productions with Rogers Media. They'll also get to experience the park before it opens to the general public, spend time with on-air personalities from across Canada and take part in live broadcasts. And, for viewers, there will be plenty of entertainment from Canadian TV hosts and guest experts.

Dreams could still come true for viewers at home, who have a chance to win a prize pack from Disney and WestJet during the live broadcasts.

Tracy Moore and Brian Gluckstein finding some magic in the Disney Kingdom. HANDOUT

Broadcast details

Cityline will air from the Magic Kingdom on April 23 at 9 a.m. ET on City

- **Dates.** Breakfast Television Toronto will broadcast two shows from the Magic Kingdom on April 22 and 23 from 5:30 to 9 a.m. ET on City
- **Broadcasts.** Breakfast Television in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg will air live segments throughout their regular broadcasts on April 22 and 23 on City

Online extras

Behind the Disney curtain

ELISHA DACEY
Metro Winnipeg

When I told my five-year-old she was going to Disney World, there was stunned silence. Then a gasp. Then a party broke out in our kitchen.

Thanks to the kind folks at City, WestJet and Disney, myself, my husband, Andy, and my Bean are going to Disney World in Orlando for five days next week as part of the City in Disney event. I plan to write about some Disney tips and tricks — stories you'll only be able to find on the Metronews.ca website. It will include exclusive behind-the-scenes looks at what it takes to put a TV show together in Disney.

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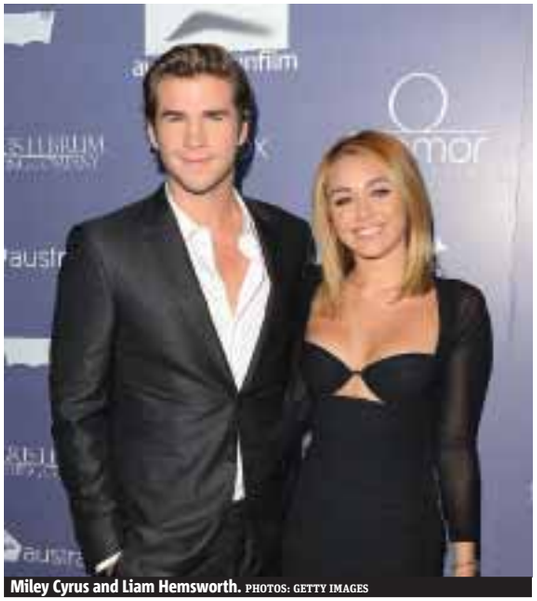

Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth. PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Billy Ray Cyrus hints Miley's engagement may end in achy, breaky hearts

If how Billy Ray Cyrus went about writing his new memoir, Hillbilly Heart, is any indication, he's not that optimistic that daughter Miley Cyrus and her fiancé, Liam Hemsworth, will make it to the altar.

"I know as I was writing the book I wanted to keep that particular moment as open-ended as possible. I didn't know the answer," Billy Ray tells ABC News.

"They're young, they're kids. The great news is, they're great friends. They're really, really good friends."

As for their chances of seeing their wedding reception? "I don't know, I really don't," he says.

"I play it by ear and I know whatever is meant to be, that's the way it's going to happen."

Malin Akerman

It's a boy for Malin Akerman

Malin Akerman is a new mom, she announced via Twitter this week. "My husband and I welcomed our beautiful, healthy baby boy to the world this morning! Biggest joy of my life," she tweeted.

"And his name is... Sebastian Zincone.

"Love him more than life itself."

This is the first child for Akerman and her husband Roberto Zincone, a musician.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Rihanna's Diamonds tour losing its shine

THE WORD
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What is going on with Rihanna?

Rihanna's Diamonds World Tour, which kicked off March 8th, isn't going off exactly as planned.

The singer has already cancelled three concerts — Baltimore and Boston last month and Houston on Monday. Her promoter Live Nation confirmed only that the cancellations were "as a result of illness" but did not say what was wrong with the star. When she cancelled the Boston show, she tweeted fans that morning, saying: "(Boston) this is the hardest thing for me to deal with! I feel like we've been waiting on this day forever, and I'm hurt that I let you down. … I hate disappointing people that never ever let me down!! I'm so embarrassed about this! Thank you for your prayers and well wishes!"

Her camp is claiming "laryngitis" but the tabloid press is claiming "pregnant." TMZ.com spotted the singer, covered up in a baseball cap and sucking on a lollipop, leaving a medical building on Tuesday. If you checked out the singer's Instagram, you will see she is a connoisseur of the green stuff. So maybe if she laid off the pot? Perhaps that would help this whole "laryngitis" issue. I know it would definitely help this possible "pregnancy" situation.

Macaulay Culkin

Paparazzi leave Culkin a sulkin'

Macaulay Culkin isn't having that great of a stay in London, if his run-ins with the paparazzi are any indication.

The former child star first seemed perturbed by the photographers' presence while checking into his hotel, the Budget Ibis. Tensions boiled over while Culkin was leaving nightclub the Haunt after joining pal Adam Green on stage, according to E! News.

Culkin reportedly launched himself at a paparazzo and began attacking him, telling him to go to hell.

It's unclear what set the actor off.

Kevin Clash

Accuser drops complaint against Elmo puppeteer

Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash has at least one less lawsuit to worry about, as one of the young men accusing Clash of having sex with him while he was underage has withdrawn his complaint, according to court documents obtained by TMZ. This is the same accuser who first came forward about the Sesame Street star's alleged behaviour before later recanting his statement — before changing course again and filing suit last month. Clash still has to contend with lawsuits from three other young men making similar accusations.

Twitter

@ABFoundation
I am pretty bad at yoga.

@mindykaling
Back when I resided in the United States I lived in a little Spanish casita w/a fountain. Wonder if the new inhabitants enjoy the gurgle

@justinbieber
Up watching funny YouTube vids. What r some good ones?

JUNO EVENTS SIZZLE THROUGHOUT CITY

Repeat Juno winner (and 2013 Juno Fan Choice nominee) Michael Bublé hosts this year's awards. CTV PHOTO

STEVE COLLINS

By the time the Juno Awards go live Sunday night, host city Regina will already be a week into the celebration, with Junofest concerts at venues around the city, the Juno Cup hockey faceoff between music and NHL stars, and fans' chance to meet the artists at Juno Fan Fare.

Then comes the main event at the Brandt Centre, where Juno Awards supervising producer Lindsay Cox has been sweating the details with her team at Insight Productions and veteran arena staff.

"Every time you go into a new venue, it's new challenges, like how long the cable runs are and where you can place cameras and all the technical challenges," said Cox, who has gotten used to setting up and tearing down in a different city every year.

Sunday's show will take place on three stages, one at centre ice for the awards and two at either side for performances by the likes of Metric, k.d. lang, Billy Talent, Carly Rae Jepsen, Hannah Georgas, Marianas Trench, Serena Ryder and The Sheepdogs.

The 7,000-seat arena, Cox said, will give audience members a chance to see their musical heroes up close: "It's a very intimate venue, it's a smaller venue, so we designed the set so that we don't have big screens obstructing fans, so that the fans are really a part of the set and actually they create our backdrop."

And then there's the host. Michael Bublé is no newbie when it comes to the Junos, with 25 nominations and 11 wins on his scorecard (he's up for the Fan Choice Award, which he's previously won in 2008 and 2010).

On top of duties as host and nominee, Bublé will also hop onstage to perform his latest single, To Love Somebody.

"He is the dream host," Cox said. "He's fantastic. I think everybody knows about him that he's a great actor. We all know he can sing, he's got great comic timing and he's also a really exceptional writer. He's written material for the show that is hysterical and really, really clever and just so smart and so perfect for him!"

ON WITH THE SHOW!

Catch the 2013 Juno Awards on CTV Sunday from the Brandt Centre in Regina at the following times:
Atlantic Canada: 9 p.m. AT (live)
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Saskatchewan: 6 p.m.CT (live
Manitoba and Alberta: 8 p.m. CT/MT
British Columbia: 8 p.m. PT

DUFFIELD GETS WAKE-UP CALL WITH NOMINATION

STEVE COLLINS

Victoria Duffield's Juno nomination for Pop Album of the Year came quite literally as a wake-up call for the 18-year-old Abbotsford native.

"I found out that I was nominated for a Juno at about 7 in the morning so, it was a great way to start my day," Duffield said in an email to Metro. "It's every Canadian artist's dream to be nominated for a Juno, so for my first album to achieve this with a nomination for Pop Album of the Year, it's truly unbelievable. Feels like a great accomplishment – and makes me even more excited for album number two!"

Duffield checked in from London, where she's at work on the follow-up to her platinum-selling debut Shut Up and Dance.

"London has been very exciting, so far," she enthused. "I had never been to Europe before so this was all an amazing experience. One of my favourite parts has been hearing all the different languages around me. It is so multi-cultural here."

Duffield's stay in London features daily writing sessions, and previous work with writers in producers in LA, Vancouver and Toronto has begun taking shape.

"Each of the producers and co-writers all have a different way of organizing the writing process, which is always very interesting," she said, "Because some writers have really efficient ways of creating a song and others are a bit slower. I am really excited about a lot of the songs, so far. They have a sense of maturity, danceable beats, and cool originality."

Duffield will meet fans at Juno Fan Fare at Regina's Cornwall Centre the day before the awards broadcast, an event she got her first taste of last year in Ottawa.

"I am thrilled to be a part of Juno Fan Fare again this year! I had such an amazing time and really enjoyed meeting all the fans from Ottawa, as well as spending a fun time with some other artists," she said.

As for the big night, Duffield's got a dream: "I really hope that I get to meet Michael Bublé. That would definitely be a highlight of my evening!"

Just last month, Victoria Duffield won a Canadian Radio Music Award and the Nielsen Emerging Artist Award.

POP-UP

Victoria Duffield's nomination for Shut Up And Dance puts the BC teen in some big-name company in the Pop Album of the Year category:
Carly Rae Jepsen - Kiss
Justin Bieber - Believe
Kristina Maria Lupo - Tell The World
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BRODY ENJOYS DIVERSITY OF MUSIC

"It's a little bit slower-paced out here, and for me with my job and being out on the road all the time in cities and busy airports, it's always a breath of fresh air coming back east." Dean Brody, on living in Chester, Nova Scotia.

STEVE COLLINS

"She grew up watching hockey/With her daddy on Saturday nights/He taught her how to tie her skates/Her brothers taught her how to fight," Dean Brody sings in Canadian Girls, the first single on his Juno-nominated album Dirt.

He played the song at the women's world hockey championship semi-final -- and saw our 'Canadian girls' beat Team Russia.

"I came in the tail end of the second," he raved, "And then watched the third and then the shootout – it was like, man, it doesn't get more exciting than that!"

Brody, who walked away with the Canadian Country Music Association Awards for male Artist of the Year and Album of the Year in September, is looking forward to running with a diverse musical crowd at the Junos.

"The Junos is a bigger family, whereas the CCMAs is a smaller family," Brody said. "I know a lot of people at the CCMAs. The Junos, I don't know a lot of people because there's a lot of genres represented there that we don't run into out on the road. When we do festivals, we do a lot of country festivals and so the pop and the folk [musicians], we don't really run into each other, other than places like the Junos."

One way to meet people outside your genre is to record with them, as Brody did with Celtic rockers Great Big Sea on his single It's Friday.

"I've lived on the east coast now for almost three years, and when I wrote It's Friday, I thought I'm going to go for a song with an east coast, Maritime kind of feel. And I wrote this song and after I was done, I'm like, "Man. I wonder if Great Big Sea would be up to doing something together?'"

The answer wasn't long in coming: "Alan called me up one day and said 'Dude, I really love the song and yeah, we'd love to collaborate on this,' and so Bob and Sean and Alan did their thing in the studio in Newfoundland, and I went up there for the video shoot. It was a blast."

FOR THE LOVE OF COUNTRY

Dean Brody picks up his second Juno nomination this year for Country Album of the Year. The full list of 2013 nominees:

Chad Brownlee - Love Me Or Leave Me
Dallas Smith - Jumped Right In
Dean Brody - Dirt
Emerson Drive - Roll
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GEORGAS PERFORMS ELECTRO FLAVOUR

STEVE COLLINS

With two nominations (Songwriter of the Year and Alternative Album of the Year) and live performances for JunoFest and the awards show itself, it might seem Hannah Georgas is headed for a hectic Juno weekend, but it's all relative.

Since the singer launched her electro-flavoured, self-titled album in October, she's embarked on a U.S. tour with Australia's Husky and a Canadian tour with fellow Vancouverites and good friends Mother Mother. She followed those up with her own headlining dates in both countries and a gruelling five shows in one week at Austin's frenetic South By Southwest festival.

"You walk outside and people are just flooding the streets and there's stuff going on there all the time constantly," Georgas said about SXSW. "It's exciting, but it's also a nightmare to get your gear into venues and to drop off your stuff. It's pretty crazy!"

"I feel like I've just made it over a big heap. Now, I'm just doing things here and there but not heavy-duty touring, which is kind of nice, to have a little room to breathe."

The trip to Regina will even give her a chance to visit with relatives, and her JunoFest concert at the Owl will be a reunion with some of her cronies from the Vancouver music scene.

"Jeffrey [Innes] the lead singer [of Yukon Blonde] has been my buddy for years and so it'll just be nice to go and play with them while we're out there around that time," Georgas said. "Rococode, they're a Vancouver band, too, and actually the male singer in the band used to play guitar for me, so we're all really closely connected."

"It's the first time I've ever played on the Junos, and it's going to be fun. I'm looking forward to it," she said. "My producer, Graham Walsh, is going to be playing with me on the Juno broadcast, so I'm super-excited about that."

As for her Songwriter of the Year nomination, which puts her in contention with none other than Leonard Cohen?

"It's a huge compliment and it's like, wow, this feels impossible, but it's awesome!"

Hannah Georgas teamed up with Holy F—k keyboardist Graham Walsh on her self-titled album.

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RECOGNITION FOR ALTERNATIVE VIBE

STEVE COLLINS

"Awards in music are kind of silly when you really think about it."

Tyler Bancroft, singer and guitarist for Vancouver indie rockers Said the Whale, is keeping his band's nod for Alternative Album of the Year in the strictest perspective.

"It's a subjective thing, judging someone's art and in case of the Junos you're not judging who has a better album, it's just an industry-based kind of thing, and it feels nice to win if you do win, and if you don't win it doesn't matter. It's cool to be recognized at such a high level."

Still, the group's first trip to the Junos, when they won New Group of the Year for 2011, remains a happy memory.

"Last time it was amazing," Bancroft said. "It was our first time at the Junos, and we were all terribly underdressed, which was also due to the fact that we were right in the middle of a six-week tour, so we don't feel too bad about that. We may gussy up a little more this time, we'll see."

In the meantime, Bancroft and bandmates are trying something new with the songs for the new album, the first four of which will be released on an EP, I Love You, in June.

"For lack of a better description, we're using the hip-hop method, and that is recording one or two songs at a time rather than going into a studio with 15 or 20 songs or whatever and doing it all at once," he said. "This way is very cool and I'm going to have trouble ever not doing it this way because it's allowing us to focus so much energy on each particular song. In the old kinda 'rock' method that we had done in the past, you'd find yourself getting a little overwhelmed."

Metro has to ask: Where did Said the Whale's quirky, Google-thwarting name come from?

"Unfortunately, that question yields like the most boring print ever, because I really have no cool story for you," Bancroft said. "It just felt right at the time, and what's in a name, really?"

"A lot of our friends are nominated for awards and any excuse to get together with a bunch of friends and have an open bar is a good time." – Said the Whale's Tyler Bancroft (right). CTV PHOTO

AND YOUR ALTERNATIVES ARE...

Last year, the Juno for Alternative Album of the Year went to Dan Mangan for Oh Fortune. In 2011, Arcade Fire took it for The Suburbs. 2013's nominees:

Hannah Georgas - Hannah Georgas
Japandroids - Celebration Rock
Metric - Synthetica
Said The Whale - Little Mountain
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METRIC FEELS NOMINATION WARMTH

STEVE COLLINS

Metric, both Juno nominees and performers this year, will touch down in Regina via two consecutive weekends playing Coachella, bookending their first concert in Hawaii and dates in San Francisco and Sacramento.

"It was strange packing for the desert, Hawaii and Regina," said guitarist Jimmy Shaw, adding that it'll be good to be home.

"Above and beyond anything, Canada is definitely our home," he said. "The Junos is kind of like a homecoming thing. We kind of know the players there, we've toured with a lot of the bands, and we're very, very grateful to have that kind of hometown love – even though it's not hometown but home country."

In addition to Metric's nominations for Alternative Album of the year, Group of the Year and the Juno Fan Choice Award, Shaw's also in the running for the Jack Richardson Producer of the Year Award for his work on the band's latest album, Synthetica. The honour was a surprise.

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– JIMMY SHAW, METRIC GUITARIST

"It's fairly cool to be recognized for another aspect of what I do, so that's really awesome," he said. "I don't expect to win, but I'm very, very happy about the nomination."

Shaw's always had a hand in producing Metric's albums, even before taking on the job solo, in step with the band's increasingly DIY spirit. Metric has steadily taken over more of the business side of things, self-releasing their last two albums.

"It was a very interesting move for us to sort of just rid ourselves of all connection to the music industry," he said, "and just create our own little world in which we could just function and do exactly what we wanted to do with it. It's been very, very rewarding, as much as the music itself."

The band realized a long-burning ambition with their first-ever arena tour in support of Synthetica.

So now what?

"It's strange to find yourself in this place and immediately wanting to sort of dream up a new dream," Shaw said. "And I don't really know what that dream is yet, but I know that the desire to have one is there."

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Art director/designer/photographer Justin Broadbent's work for Metric's album Synthetica garnered him a Juno nomination for Recording Package of the Year. Justin Broadbent Photo

METRIC AND THE JUNOS

Metric have received seven total Juno nominations:

- **2013: Alternative Album of the Year, Group of the Year, Juno Fan Choice Award**
- **2011: Video of the Year**
- **2010: Alternative Album of the Year and Group of the Year (They won both)**
- **2006 Alternative Album of the Year**

The Tenors (left to right): Fraser Walters, Remigio Pereira, Victor Micallef and Clifton Murray. Randee St. Nicholas Photo

NEW AWARD CELEBRATES CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

STEVE COLLINS

Pop-opera vocal quartet the Tenors confess they're excited about their Juno nomination for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year – and the prospect of a second encounter with one of their idols, co-nominee Celine Dion.

"It's serendipitous somewhat being that she shared the stage with us on Oprah Winfrey and that was sort of our catalyst into the states and really helped us take off as a young group," said the Tenors' Clifton Murray. "To share a category with her is humbling to say the least!"

Dion famously ambushed the Tenors on the 2010 show, joining them partway through their performance of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah and thoroughly blowing their minds.

"What some people don't know," recalls Tenor Fraser Walters "is that our manager was the only one that knew about that, and he was told in advance by Oprah's producers, if the Tenors find out anything about the surprise, we're going to scrap the segment because we want it to be completely authentic. And it's very hard for our manager to keep a secret."

The looks on the Tenors' faces when the superstar appeared onstage were ample evidence that he had succeeded.

"When we turned and realized what was happening, it was a life-changing moment in that instant," Fraser said.

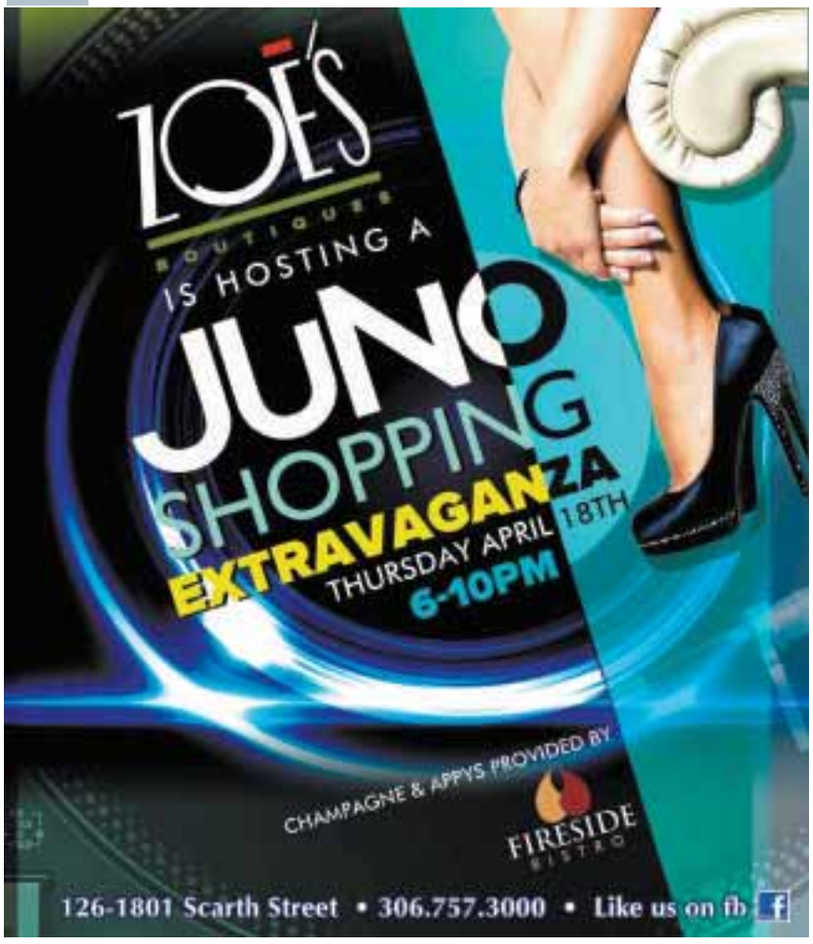
The life-changers have continued: singing at the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics, an intimate Diamond Jubilee performance for the Queen at Windsor Castle, touring far-flung places like Bangkok and Israel, and perhaps most importantly, writing four original songs for their latest album, Lead With Your Heart.

"We'd been wanting to put our own music on the album for a while, but we didn't want to push the envelope. We always want to let the best songs on the album. Songs are your baby and you cherish them a little more when they're your own. So it was a delicate moment to make that decision but once we started the writing process, it really started to flow," Murray said. "Four very beautiful songs that we wrote or co-wrote made their way onto the album and we're so stoked about that."

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

This year, the Junos introduce a new award, Adult Contemporary Album of the Year. The nominees:

Adam Cohen - Like A Man
Barlow Coalition - Burning Days
Céline Dion - Sans Attendre
Raylene Rankin - All The Diamonds
The Tenors - Lead With Your Heart



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SHEEPDOGS THRILLED TO ATTEND EVENTS THIS YEAR

The Sheepdogs are nominated for Group of the Year, Rock Album of the Year (The Sheepdogs) and Single of the Year ("The Way It Is").

STEVE COLLINS

For Saskatoon's hard-touring Sheepdogs, performing at the Junos in Regina is a homecoming. Almost.

"The funny part is we're going to Saskatchewan but we're not actually going to Saskatoon, and we're leaving after the awards show to go continue doing shows," said bassist Ryan Gullen, on the phone from Berlin. "It's kind of funny to go to Saskatchewan and not go home to Saskatoon."

At least they'll make it closer to home than they did last year, when the group won three Junos Awards but couldn't quite make the commute to pick them up.

"We were in Australia so it was six in the morning when these awards were being given out," Gullen recalled "We got text messages from people at six in the morning, kinda waking up still trying to beat the jetlag and looking at our phones and seeing if we won Junos is a pretty strange, very surreal way to win not one but three awards. We celebrated in Australia, a long, long ways from home."

The Sheep Dogs have largely been road dogs since winning a contest in 2011 that put them on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine and netted them a record contract, though they did manage to take a few weeks off in January and February, most of which they spent back home in Saskatoon.

"Basically, we just spent a lot of time sitting around," Gullen said. "I actually, oddly enough, did some travelling, nothing too crazy, but funny, always being travelling I decided I want to go see some friends, basically doing a tour without having to play music."

Gullen's also looking forward to a rare opportunity to connect with some of his fellow musical nomads at the Junos.

"Being that musicians in Canada spend a lot of time travelling all over the place, the fun of these events is being able to just see our friends who play in other bands that are going to be in the same city," he said. "Very rarely are we all in the same city and having a chance to just socialize and have fun."

ROCK THE JUNOS

The Sheepdogs won the Juno for Rock Album of the year in 2012 for their major-label debut, Learn and Burn. This year's contenders:

Big Wreck - Albatross
Billy Talent - Dead Silence
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7 new ways to wear denim

Jeans are the easiest thing to wear during spring's rainy season of transitional weather. We take styling tips from seven stylish everyday women spotted around the world.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

The idea: Polish the tomboy up

Styling tip: Chiara Totire (pictured right in Milan) expertly nails the contrast mixing that's so popular right now. This is because she doesn't overdo it. Mix one feminine detail, such as the simple bit of lace on her Jil Sander beanie, into an otherwise masculine look.

ASOS
EMBELLISHED BEANIE
$25, ASOS.COM

The idea: Bring those old school high tops back

Styling tip: Lately, when we see a pair of sneakers in a fashion story, it's the neon Nike Free or primary coloured New Balance. But the classic high top (and we're not talking about those trendy Isabel Marant wedge ones) has been overlooked. Londoner Bryona Hayne's sporty look makes a good case for fixing that.

NIKE SNEAKERS
$112, NIKE.COM

The idea: Day-to-night means dressing down

Styling tip: Speaking of contrast, check out how Rajni Jacques's polished tailoring neatens up the New Yorker's otherwise badass grunge look, showing a new side of day-to-night dressing. Because sometimes, the after-work socializing happens in a dive bar and not a swanky gallery opening.

BOUTIQUE BOYFRIEND BLAZER
$300, TOPSHOP.COM

The idea: Take your double denim to another level

Styling tip: Like head-to-toe black or white, double denim is the perfect blank canvas to dress around. The possibilities are endless, but we especially like the idea of using double denim to show off bold outerwear and accessories the way Candela Novembre (top) of Milan does. And can you spot the tomboy and girly elements here?

WHISTLES
LEOPARD PRINT PARKA
$206, WHISTLES.CO.UK

The idea: Give the girly girl an edge

Styling tip: Pink, the most saccharine of colours, suddenly gets major bite when paired with boyfriend jeans and a fisherman's sweater. And let us draw your eye to the navy blue nails on Irina Lackicevic from London. Sensing a theme here?

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The idea: Take the wide legs out of the '70s

Styling tip: Steer clear of going too literal and disco-y by balancing the retroness of the jeans with a contemporary silhouette on top. Pay close attention to the length of Brit Kimberly Carroll's jeans. You don't want them dragging on the ground.

The idea: Put the ripped bits up top

Styling tip: We expect to see rips and tears on the legs (preferably just above or below the knee.) Give an element of surprise by wearing the distressed bits up top, pairing a ripped knit with a pristine pair of dark blue jeans the way Anouki Areshidze in Milan does here.

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Heat up your next party with Thai Pork Skewers

"This curry-scented marinade uses only a bit of Thai red curry paste, but an opened jar will keep in the fridge for up to one year," write the editors of Canadian Living in The Appetizer Collection. "Try the luscious peanut sauce on grilled chicken as well."

This recipe makes 26 pieces. RYAN SZULC/CONTRIBUTED

Ingredients

- 1 pork tenderloin, trimmed (about 1 lb/450 g)

Marinade
- 2 tbsp packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp Thai red curry paste

Peanut sauce
- 1/3 cup natural peanut butter
- 1/3 cup coconut milk
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce

1. Peanut sauce: In food processor, blend together peanut butter, coconut milk, lime juice, soy sauce, brown sugar and hot pepper sauce until smooth. Pour into bowl; cover and set aside. Cut pork into 26 8-by-1-by-5mm strips.

2. Marinade: In large bowl, whisk together brown sugar, cilantro, lime juice, garlic, ginger, soy sauce and curry paste; add pork, tossing to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours. (Make-ahead: Refrigerate peanut sauce and pork separately for up to 24 hours. Bring sauce to room temperature, thinning with water, if desired.)

3. Thread pork onto small metal or soaked wooden skewers; place on broiler pan or foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Broil, 15 cm from heat and turning once, until lightly browned and no longer pink inside, about 6 minutes. Serve with peanut sauce for dipping.

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This savoury strudel is sure to impress

Ingredients

- 9 sheets phyllo pastry
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

Filling
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pkg (10 oz/300 g) frozen spinach, thawed
- 1 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup diced, drained, jarred roasted red pepper
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh dill (or 2 tsp dried dillweed)
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- Pinch nutmeg

1. Filling: In skillet, heat oil over medium heat; fry onion and garlic, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes. Scrape into bowl; let cool. Squeeze moisture from spinach; chop finely and add to bowl along with Romano and feta cheeses, egg, roasted red pepper, dill, pepper and nutmeg. Stir to combine.

2. Place 1 sheet of the phyllo on work surface, covering remainder with damp towel to prevent drying out. Brush lightly with some of the butter. Top with 2 more phyllo sheets, brushing each with some of the remaining butter.

3. Leaving a 2.5 cm border on each end, spoon about 1 cup of the spinach mixture along 1 long side; fold ends over filling. Roll up to form log.

4. Place, seam side down, on baking sheet. With sharp knife, score top through phyllo to make 12 servings. Repeat with remaining phyllo and filling and some of the remaining butter. (Make-ahead: Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Or freeze in airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Bake from frozen, increasing baking time by 5 minutes.)

Feta Spinach Strudel Bites

This recipe makes 36 pieces. YVONNE DUIVENVOORDEN/CONTRIBUTED

5. Brush with remaining butter. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven until golden, about 25 minutes. With serrated knife, slice along score marks.

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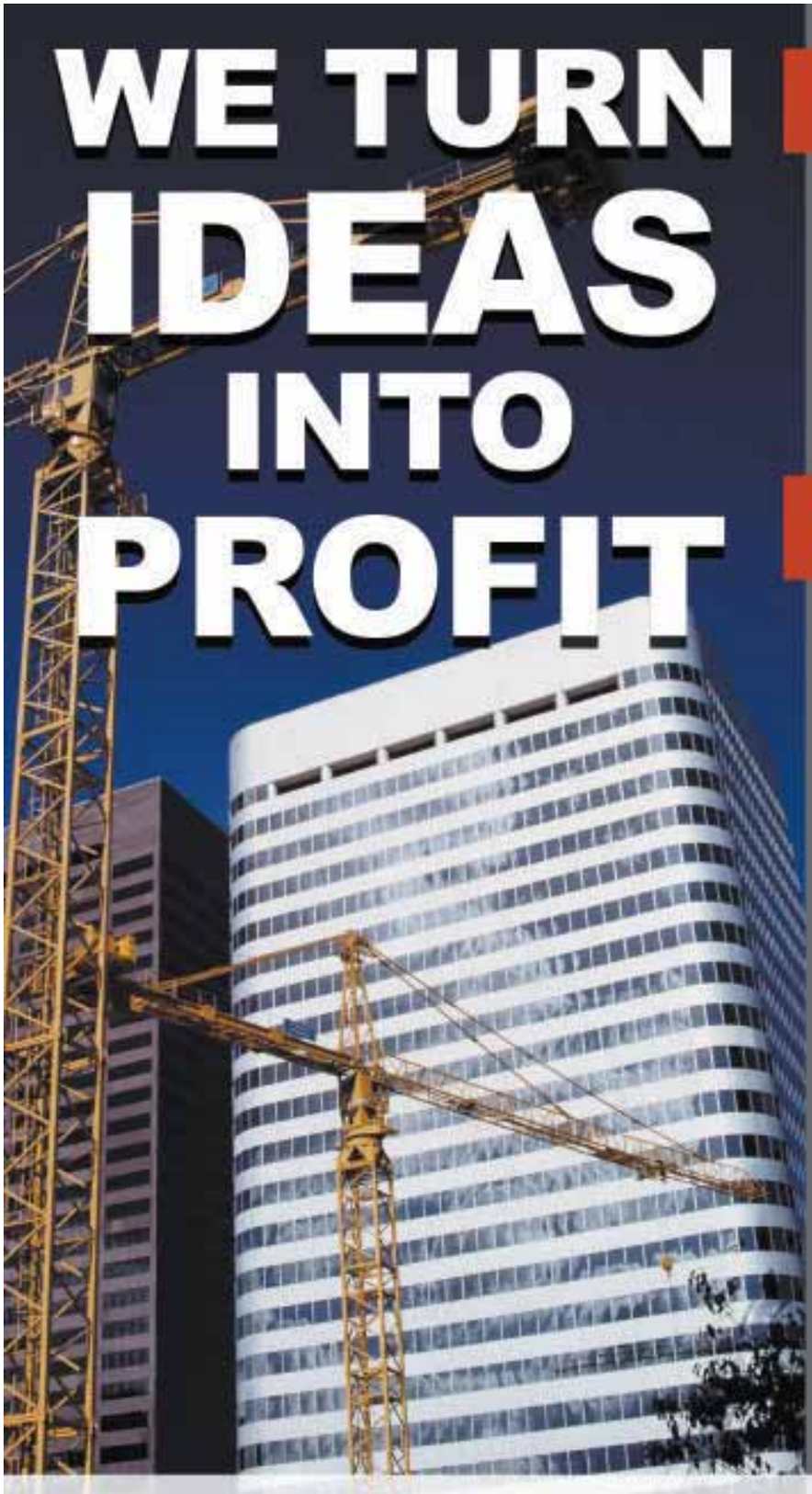

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The beauty of the sea urchin surfaces in this detailed candle crafted of natural wax rubbed with white highlights. crateandbarrel.com.

Woven Wicker Drum Lamp Shade, $63

The textured weave of natural wicker adds an instant summer-time look to any lamp base. potterybarn.com.

Boston bombings

Heat's Allen says friend lost leg in Monday's blasts

Heat guard Ray Allen says a friend of his family was among those who lost a leg in Monday's explosions at the Boston Marathon, and that another friend owned the restaurant that employed the 29-year-old woman who was killed in the blasts.

Allen has been a spectator at the marathon several times, going back to his days with the Boston Celtics. He says his mother has run the marathon three times and that his wife has done so twice.

Allen says that if he was still with the Celtics, he likely would have been at the finish line around the time of the explosions, waiting for his mother and wife to complete their runs.

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Nominees for BLG awards announced

McMaster University quarterback and Hec Crighton Trophy-winner Kyle Quinlan is one of four nominees for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport male athlete of the year honour.

The other men's finalists for the men's BLG Award are Saint Mary's hockey player Lucas Bloodoff, Concordia wrestler David Tremblay and soccer player Gagan Dosanjh from UBC.

The female BLG Award nominees include Saint Mary's basketball player Justine Colley, McGill hockey player Melodie Daoust, Guelph rugby player Britt Benn and UBC volleyball player Shanice Marcelle.

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Bruins defenceman Dennis Seidenberg watches pre-game ceremonies on the ice, illuminated in blue and yellow, the colours of the Boston Athletic Association, on Wednesday at TD Garden. The Bruins and Sabres also wore Boston Strong decals on their shirts. JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

Emotional return to the ice in Boston

NHL. Fans mourn and then cheer as Bruins return to action

Emerging from a moment of silence with a deafening cheer, fans at Wednesday night's Bruins game paid tribute to the victims of this week's Boston Marathon bombing with a stirring national anthem and a thunderous chant of "U.S.A.!"

The sold-out crowd at the first major sporting event in the city since Monday's attack lined up for metal-detecting wands and random car inspections to get into the TD Garden. Once inside, they watched a sombre video with scenes from the race, ending with the words, "We are Boston, We are Strong."

The players on the ice for the opening faceoff banged their sticks in the traditional salute, drifting back off the blue-lines so that they, too, could see the video. The Boston Fire Department Honor Guard brought out the U.S. flag to honour the first responders who rushed to the aid of the three killed and more than 170 injured by the twin bombs at the marathon finish line.

It was an emotional return to normal life for the city, which has been dazed by the attacks on one of its signature and most beloved events. Monday's scheduled Bruins game against Ottawa was rescheduled, and Tuesday night's Celtics game was cancelled outright.

But the Bruins said they were determined to help the city move on.

"You're trying to live your life in peace, and there's people trying to disrupt that," coach Claude Julien said on Wednesday before the Bruins' 3-2 shootout loss to the Buffalo Sabres. "The people trying to live their life in peace are going to stick together."

Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs pledged $100,000 to The One Fund Boston, the charity established to help families affected by the bombing; the Garden, the NHL and the players association pledged $50,000 each.

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Quoted

"We love the city. We want to help in any way we can — if we can give them 10 minutes of joy, or 20 hours of joy — anything we can do."

Chris Kelly, Bruins forward

Ruff back behind bench with Team Canada

Lindy Ruff has been named the head coach for Canada's men's hockey team at the 2013 men's world hockey championship. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The last man to coach Canada to a medal at the men's world hockey championship is back behind the bench.

Hockey Canada has named Lindy Ruff the country's head coach for the 2013 men's world hockey championship May 3 to 19 in Stockholm and Helsinki.

"I said 'I want to coach,'" Ruff said. "You're out of it a short period of time and you miss it. When you look at all the playoff races around and you're sitting on the outside, it's a hard thing to do as a coach.

"I'm excited to get back (to) it. I had two great experiences working with Team Canada and really want to make this a third. Any time you get around world-class players, it helps you as a coach."

Ruff coached Canada to a silver medal at the 2009 world championship. Canada lost 2-1 to Russia in the final in Berne, Switzerland, and hasn't finished in the top three since then.

Ruff was also an associate coach on Canada's 2010 gold-medal Olympic team under head coach Mike Babcock.

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Coach for hire

Lindy Ruff was available because the Buffalo Sabres fired him Feb. 20.

- The 53-year-old from Warburg, Alta., was the NHL's longest-serving coach in his 16th season behind Buffalo's bench.

4 SPORTS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Keep things in perspective today. Not everything will go your way and you could even suffer a small financial loss but it's no big deal.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
With the Sun about to move into your birth sign you should be looking ahead and planning all the marvelous things you are going to be doing. Don't let other people's negativity hold you back.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may be active by nature but over the next few days you should aim to do less and think more. Activity for its own sake, be it physical or mental, is a waste of time, so make sure your aims have meaning.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
How can you make a difference in the world? Give it some thought and a way will occur to you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Do you want to improve your status and reputation? Then keep your eyes and ears open because you will soon get the chance.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The planets are about to offer you the chance to make a new beginning. First though you need to get rid of all that emotional baggage you have been carrying around. It's time to be who you want to be.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be inclined to make changes to your financial or business affairs today but is that really such a smart idea? With so many things in a state of flux at the moment it may be better to just sit tight.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your reputation for toughness is well deserved but there is also a softer, more compassionate side to your nature that will be much in evidence today.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do you see your work as a challenge or a chore? If it's the latter you may need to change direction

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You cannot be bothered with trivial issues or trivial people. There are so many big things going on in the world at the moment and it annoys you that so many don't seem to care.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With the cosmic emphasis about to switch to the domestic sphere you should focus on the needs of loved ones.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
As Pisces is such a sensitive sign you are easily affected by other people's moods, which means you should be rather cheerful today. Everyone around you is in the mood to have fun. Sounds like an excuse for a party.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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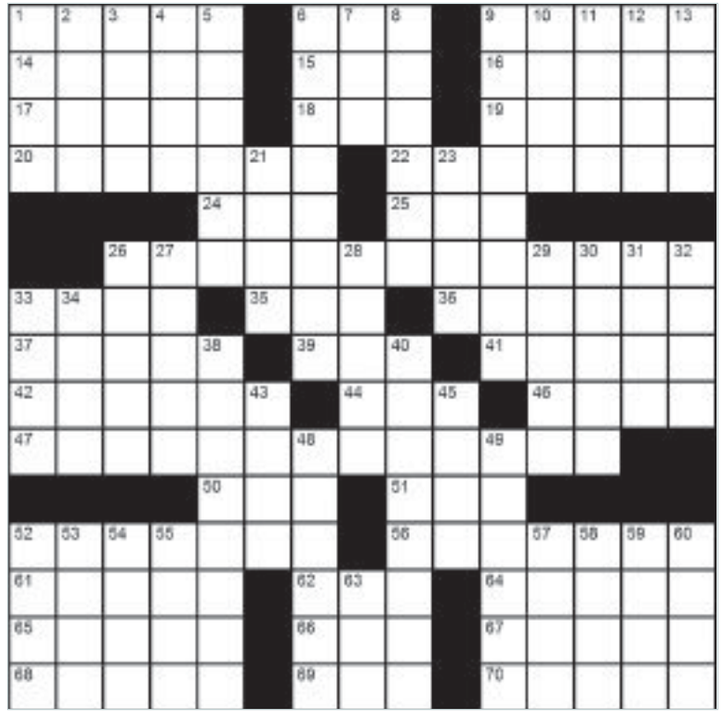


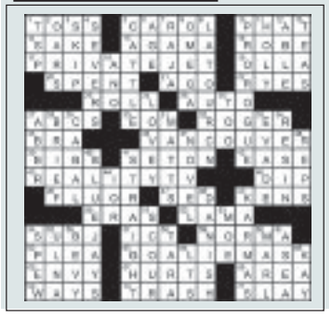
Across

1. Juno, for one
6. Haul with difficulty
9. Boast
14. "Extra" host Mr. Lopez
15. 'Comb' suffix (Put together)
16. "__ __ Majesty's Secret Service (1969)"
17. Spectrum source
18. Half a cheering prop
19. "__ fired!" (Donald Trump's catchphrase)
20. Maritime helicopter of the RCAF: 2 wds.
22. Sir Walter Scott novel about a Saxon knight
24. Naught
25. Henpeck
26. It distinguishes the iconic Lacoste tennis/golf shirt: 2 wds.
33. Moulding style
35. __-Pekka Salonen (Finnish conductor/composer)
36. Some leathers
37. Keepsake of yore
39. Grads-to-be, briefly
41. Beverly Hills' __ Drive
42. Sporting spots
44. "Of course."
46. 'Smart' suffix (Brains)
47. Justin Trudeau's gig: 2 wds.
50. Fizzle out
51. Roman Numeral for 551
52. Bring in illegally
56. Driving and piano
61. Filmmaker, Frank __
62. Tiny
64. Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955)
65. Warning device
66. '_' __ for Alberta
67. "Farewell, mon ami!"
68. Length unit
69. Salutes from Rocky
70. Tennis great, Ivan __

Down

1. Hookups for Mr. Hendrix
2. Merchandise
3. Diva's showstopper
4. Take a chance
5. Dotted game tile
6. Makeup kit item: 2 wds.
7. One: Spanish
8. Horoscope sign
9. Goods transporting job in early Canada
10. Auth. unknown
11. "Nope."
12. Detective created by mystery writer Rex Stout, __ Wolfe
13. Branches-and-roots grower
21. Kind
23. Mr. Kilmer's
26. Famous person, for short
27. Marie Antoinette, par exemple
28. Actress Ms. Hannah
29. Sierra __
30. More peculiar
31. "Well, well, wells."
32. Bears: Spanish
33. Viva voce
34. Ginger Spice aka __ Halliwell
38. Poker: 2 wds.
40. Like some grapes
43. Cruise
45. Garage __
48. Allowance
49. Dreary
52. Defraud
53. Female's opposite
54. __ the crack of dawn: 2 wds.
55. Fido is furious!
57. Show allegiance
58. "Come __!" = "Welcome!": 2 wds.
59. Call for
60. Collective __ (Rock band)
63. Farm song vowels

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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